

Debbie Beadle

From: Evan Maxim
Sent: Thursday, September 27, 2012 12:38 PM
To: Kamuron Gurol; Susan Cezar
Cc: Carl de Simas; Kathy Curry; Debbie Beadle
Subject: FW: Buffer delineation proposal

EXHIBIT NO. 217

Public Comment

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From: Chris Wright [<mailto:Cwright@raedeke.com>]
Sent: Thursday, September 27, 2012 11:55 AM
To: Kathy Curry
Cc: Evan Maxim
Subject: RE: Buffer delineation proposal

Ms. Curry,

I am not aware of any BAS based methodologies for the delineation of sensitive area buffers. However, I am aware that there are jurisdictions that include in their Sensitive Areas Ordinances provisions that allows for the reduction of prescriptive buffers predicated on existing conditions in the buffer. The City of Snoqualmie allows for the buffer to be limited by the existence of legally established roads, trails, buildings, and other development. The BAS clearly states that the 50 feet of buffer nearest to the sensitive area is the most effective portion of the buffer and that buffer beyond 50 feet has diminished effectiveness at protecting sensitive area functions.

Please let me know if I can be of additional assistance.

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From: Kathy Curry [<mailto:kcurry@ci.sammamish.wa.us>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2012 8:03 AM
To: Chris Wright
Cc: Evan Maxim
Subject: Buffer delineation proposal

Hi Chris,

Thank you for being willing to provide information related to the City of Sammamish's review of wetland and stream buffer requirements as part of our current Environmentally Critical Areas (ECA) regulation update process. We understand that one of our residents, Reid Brockway, contacted you regarding this topic. Below is a related email from Mr. Brockway for your reference.

Are you aware of any Best Available Science (BAS) based methodologies for delineating wetland or stream buffers on a site specific basis? If so, can you please direct us to information on these methodologies?

Are there any other BAS-based resources that you suggest we consider?

Thank you in advance for your time and efforts!

Regards,

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Senior Environmental Planner & Wetland Biologist

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~ Author Unknown, Inspired by American Indian Philosophy*



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From: Susan Cezar
Sent: Wednesday, September 19, 2012 9:21 AM
To: Kathy Curry
Subject: FW: Buffer proposal

From: Reid Brockway [<mailto:waterat@comcast.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 19, 2012 8:41 AM
To: Susan Cezar
Cc: Evan Maxim; Kamuron Gurol; Carl de Simas; Debbie Beadle; Kathy Richardson
Subject: Re: Buffer proposal

Susan,

This is a follow-up to a voicemail I just left you.

I finally reached the environmental scientist I wanted to refer you to on the subject of the viability of buffer delineation, and he said he would be happy to have someone from the city call him. His name is Chris Wright, and he is with Raedeke Associates, a scientific consulting firm in the field of wetland, wildlife, plant, and fisheries related services. His number is 206-525-8122.

Note that this is someone I was considering having testify to the PC, but there would be significant cost to me and since I don't have any financial skin in the game I could not justify it. Perhaps the city could, however, using some of its contingency for the ECA update.]

Thanks,
Reid

On 9/14/2012 10:33 AM, Susan Cezar wrote:

Hi Reid,

We have had a request from the planning commission to see if you can provide additional information regarding your buffer delineation proposal. You have indicated that buffer delineation has been

successfully applied by other jurisdictions and there is an environmental firm that has done the work on this concept. It would be appreciated if you can provide any science based information on this concept that you have gathered.

Thanks Reid.

Susan

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